

I. ELECTION/READABLE CLAIM IDENTIFICATION

Claims 1-40 and 45 are currently pending in above-identified patent application.

Page 2 of the Restriction Requirement states that Applicants are required to elect between the following three groups of claims:

Group I (claims 1-19 and 39);

Group II (claims 20-38 and 40); and

Group III (claim 45).

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19 and 39. Applicants reserve the right to present any and all non-elected claims in a duly filed divisional application.

Page 3 of the Restriction Requirement further states that the above-identified patent application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention and that the species are as follows: species of ligand as recited in claims 18 and 19 in Group 1 and claims 37 and 38 in Group 2. The Restriction Requirement further states that Applicant is required to elect the single species from the elected group.

In response, Applicants elect 5-(4-hydroxymethyl-3-methoxyphenoxy)valeric acid recited in claim 18 as the single species from the elected group.

The following claims in Group I encompass the elected species: 1-18 and 39.

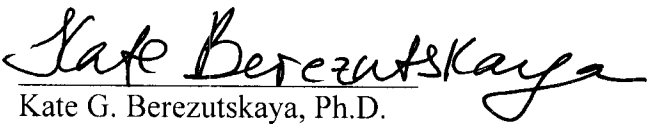
II. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in good and proper order for examination on the merits and early notification to this effect is respectfully solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (312) 846-5622.

Respectfully submitted,

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